(d) and (e) Performance improvement of CPSUs is a continuous process and enterprise specific steps are taken by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments/Management in this regard from time to time. Some of the measure adopted for performance improvement include periodical review by concerned administrative Ministry/Department, reference of sick industrial CPSUs to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for formulating revival/rehabilitation schemes, infusion of need based funds, financial/business restructuring, purchase preference for products and services, cost control measures, rationalization of manpower etc. on case to case basis.

Functioning of BHEL

1330. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the working of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. especially in export front;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BHEL has decided to enter into power distribution in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the BHEL is well equipped to venture in this business; and

(f) if not, the measures to be taken before entering into this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Government have been from time to time reviewing the performance of BHEL, including its exports. The export order booking has increased from Rs. 250 crore in 1998-99 to Rs. 1455 crore in 2002-03. The physical export turnover has increased from Rs. 69 crore in 1998-99 to Rs. 637 crore in 2002-03.

(c) and (d) BHEL has plans to enter power distribution business as a long term objective. BHEL is already supplying equipment and systems like Switchgears, Energy Meters, Insulators, SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) etc. for this business sector. It is also taking turnkey

contracts for the supply, erection and commissioning of 33 and 11 KV substations.

(e) and (f) BHEL is already catering to Transmission and Distribution Business with its systems and products such as High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) and High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) Systems, Compensations and Improvement Systems, Transformers, Switchgear, Controls, Capacitors, Insulators, Energy Meters etc. Besides, it has also the experience of managing its own delegated distribution networks in its manufacturing units and townships. Leveraging these strengths, BHEL is hopeful of addressing the emerging business opportunities.

HMT, Bangalore

1331. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land in possession of the Hindustan Machine Tools at Bangalore at its township and Jalahalli in the city;

(b) whether it has come to Government's notice that the HMT Management intends to sell 87 acres of land; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) HMT and its subsidiary companies have in their possession 528.90 acres of land at Jalahalli, Bangalore as on date.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As a part of implementation of turn around plan for revival of HMT Ltd., the Company intends to dispose of surplus non-performing assets, including land, to discharge various liabilities of the company.

Production of diesel engines

1332. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of diesel engine production units in the country;

(b) the number of diesel engines produced in each of these units during the last three years;